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University of Primorska based on the Article 12 of the Act on Research and Development (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 22/2006-UPB1, 61/2006-ZDru-1, 112/2007, 9/2011, 57/12-ZPOP-1A, 21/18 – ZNOrg and 9/19) and the Article 112 of the Rules on procedure for (co)financing, Assessing and Monitoring the Implementation of Research Activities (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 52/2016 and 79/17) publishes a

PUBLIC TENDER FOR YOUNG RESEARCHER CANDIDATES* FOR THE YEAR 2019

1. The Purpose of the Public Tender

The purpose of this Public Tender is the selection of the candidates for young researchers to be trained at the University of Primorska Andrej Marušič Institute (UP IAM), Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies (UP FAMNIT) and Faculty of management (UP FM), for obtaining a doctorate of science.

2. Mentors and research fields

Candidates may apply for available position of a young researcher with selected mentors in the selected fields of science and research according to the decision on the selection of mentors for the year 2019 on the basis of:

- *Public call for the selection of mentors positions within research programmes in the year 2019 dated 21 January. 2019 and confirmed by Slovenian Research Agency (N° of notification 6316-15/2018-73 dated 28.5.2019),*

- *Public call for the selection of mentors of new young researchers in the year 2019 – MR+ (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia N° 71/2018 dated 9.11.2018 and Corrigendum N° 76/2018 dated 30.11.2018), and confirmed by Slovenian Research Agency (N° of notification 6316-11/2018-91 dated 4.4.2019 and N° of notification 6316-11/2018-92 dated 4.4.2019).*

Only one candidate per mentor can be selected. In case more candidates compete, they will be ranked according to an overall grade achieved in all the selection criteria. The candidate selected will be the highest rated candidate. If the selected candidate resigns or fails to submit the required documents by the deadline specified in the Public Tender, the next candidate shall be admitted according to the overall grade achieved.

No	MENTOR	RESEARCH FIELD OF MENTOR	RESEARCH PROGRAMME / RESEARCH PROJECT	UP FACULTY / INSTITUTE	Call
1	Prof. Štefko Miklavič, PhD	1.01 Mathematics	Research programme P1-0285 Algebra, discrete mathematics, probability and game theory	UP Andrej Marušič Institute	Public call for the selection of mentors positions within research programmes in the year 2019
2	Assist. prof. Vita Poštuvan, PhD	3.09 Psychiatry	Research programme P3-0384 Alive? Alive! Research and prevention of suicide	UP Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies	Public call for the selection of mentors positions within research programmes in the year 2019
3	Prof. Štefan Bojnec, PhD	5.02 Economics	Target research project V1-1808 DNA based technology for fraud detection in fishery products with socioeconomic impact assessment	UP Faculty of Management	Public call for the selection of mentors of new young researchers in the year 2019 – MR+
4	Prof. Diego De Leo, PhD	3.08 Public health (occupational safety)	Research programme P3-0384 Alive? Alive! Research and prevention of suicide	UP Andrej Marušič Institute	Public call for the selection of mentors of new young researchers in the year 2019 – MR+

Presentation of the mentors in the year 2019 is available on the University of Primorska website www.upr.si.

3. Conditions for applying to the Public Tender

The candidate for young researcher must meet the following conditions:

- holds at least a undergraduate university study degree in appropriate field, obtained in a study programme adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004 and an average grade for all examinations and coursework (excluding the grade of the graduation thesis) of at least 8,00, and meets the enrolment conditions for the doctoral study programme, or
- has completed the 2nd level of the Bologna study programme, adopted in the Republic of Slovenia after 11 June 2004, in appropriate field and an average grade for all examinations and coursework in both 1st and 2nd level of the Bologna study programme of at least 8,00 (including the grade of the graduation thesis in both study levels), or
- holds Master of Sciences degree in appropriate field obtained in a master's study programme adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004 and meets the enrolment conditions for the doctoral study programme, or
- holds a comparable degree to that referred to the above-quoted first, second and third indent obtained at foreign universities and
- age of up to 28 years (the year of birth is taken into consideration - 1991). The age limit is raised over 28 years, if a candidate for a young researcher has already completed one or two years of post-graduate doctoral studies without financial support. For each finished year a year can be added to the age limit.

If at the time of concluding a contract the young researcher candidate is enrolling in the second or third year of a third-cycle study programme, the average grade of graduate studies in a study programme approved in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004 or the average grade of all examinations and coursework of the first-cycle and second-cycle study programmes shall not be deemed relevant. If a candidate holds a master's degree obtained in a master's degree study programme approved in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004, the average grade of his or her graduate studies shall not be deemed relevant.

If a young researcher candidate uses leave arising from parental protection insurance exceeding six months, taking into account one year for one child, the age limit shall be raised to 28 years. The same applies to documented sick leave exceeding six months.

Candidates, who on signing the agreement of training, will be enrolled in an additional year of the third-level doctoral study or have already used that status, candidates who have already received funds by the Slovenian Research

Agency (further on ARRS) from the Young Researchers Programme and candidates that have already obtained a PhD may not participate in the Public Tender.

The conditions for applying are determined in the Article 113 of the Rules on procedure for (co)financing, Assessing and Monitoring the Implementation of Research Activities (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 52/2016 and 79/17).

4. The candidate evaluation criteria

- the average grade of all examinations and coursework (excluding the grade of the graduation thesis) in the undergraduate university study programme adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004 or in the 1st and 2nd level of the Bologna study programme (including the grade of the graduation thesis in both study levels), at least 80% of all examinations and coursework must be passed;
- a completed Master of Science course adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004;
- enrolment in a 3rd level (doctoral) study programme;
- received awards and recognitions;
- published scientific articles;
- collaboration in research and development work;
- evaluation of the interview with the candidate.

The evaluation criteria are determined in the Article 114 of the Rules on procedure for (co)financing, Assessing and Monitoring the Implementation of Research Activities (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 52/2016 79/17) and in the Confirmation and Evaluation Sheet, that must be fulfilled by mentor and is annexed only for information purposes.

5. Duration of funding

Slovenian Research Agency shall finance the training of young researchers for obtaining the doctorate of science for a maximum period of four years if they are enrolled in 3rd level of the Bologna study programme (the new programme).

Slovenian Research Agency shall reduce the financing period defined in the first paragraph: by one year if the young researcher is already in the second year of postgraduate 3rd level studies on signing the agreement of training or by two years if the young researcher is already in the third year of postgraduate 3rd level studies.

The financing category of the young researcher is determined by the category of the research programme of the mentor. In the case mentor is not participating in research programme but participates in research project, the financing category of the young researcher will be determined by the category of the research project.

The determined financing category is valid for the entire period of training.

The planned start of funding for the training of young researchers by the Slovenian Research Agency will be determined according to the available resources of the Budget of the Republic of Slovenia, presumably from 1 October 2019.

6. The application content

The application for the Public Tender must consist of **completed and undersigned application form (UP-MR-Application/2019) and separate annexes:**

- **biography,**
- **proof of education:**
 - **a photocopy of the graduation certificate with the annex to the certificate**
 - **or written statement (UP-MR-Statement/2019)** stating, that the candidate will graduate and submit the graduation certificate with annex to the certificate **up to 11 September 2019 at the latest;**
 - **or proof of the completed Master of Science course**
- **official proof of all passed examinations and coursework with the average grade** in a study programme adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004 (excluding the grade of the graduation thesis) or in the undergraduate 1st level and postgraduate 2nd level of the Bologna study programme (including the grade of the graduation thesis in both study levels),
- **proof of enrolment in a postgraduate 3rd level study programme** (if the candidate is already enrolled in the programme);

- **undersigned statement by the candidate stating that he has not received funding** in the Young Researchers Programme yet and that the postgraduate study during the training shall not be financed from the other public funds (*UP-MR-Statement/2019*),
- **a photocopy of the valid identification document**,
- **undersigned statement by the candidate** (*UP-MR-Statement/2019*) confirming that the personal information, given in the application, can be used for the records or registers as determined in the *Rules on procedure for (co)financing, Assessing and Monitoring the Implementation of Research Activities*,
- **a photocopy proofing** parental leave or documented sick leave exceeding six months.

If the candidate for young researcher has not obtained a degree in the undergraduate programme or postgraduate programme (2nd level) or a master study programme in the Republic of Slovenia must submit further documents:

- **decision of the higher education institution on the recognition** of the foreign education with a view to access to education in the Republic of Slovenia and
- **conversion of the average grade of the undergraduate study** according to the Slovenian higher education evaluation system and considering the evaluation system of higher education abroad, obtained by the training organisation, or
- **written statement** (*UP-MR-Statement/2019*) stating, that the candidate will submit the decision of the higher education institution on the recognition of the foreign education with a view to access to education in the Republic of Slovenia with the conversion of the average grade of the undergraduate study **up to 11 September 2019 at the latest**.

The candidate may also include following separate annexes:

- proof of received awards and recognitions,
- proof of published scientific articles (authorship or co-authorship),
- description of the candidates' previous collaboration in the research and development work.

7. The deadline and the method for submission of applications

Applications with annexes must be submitted in sealed envelopes marked »**Ne odpiraj – prijava na javni razpis za mladega raziskovalca pri mentorju**« / »**Do not open – Application for Public Tender for Young Researchers for mentor**« (the candidate enters the name and last name of the mentor that he is applying for) **with first name, last name and full address of the candidate. The applications must be:**

- **delivered personally in the University of Primorska headquarters, Titov trg 4, 6000 Koper** (Palace Armerija, 2nd floor) every working day from 8 a.m. till 2 p.m., or
- **sent by mail at address Univerza na Primorskem, Titov trg 4, 6000 Koper.**

Candidates must submit their applications **until Thursday, 4 July 2019 by 2 p.m.** An application shall also be timely if delivered by registered post from Slovenia until Thursday, 4 July 2019 by 2 p.m. (postal stamp). **Late applications will not be considered.**

8. The deadline by which the applicants will be informed on the Public Tender results

The candidates will be informed on the Public Tender results according to the *Employment Relationships Act* (The Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 21/2013 and 52/2016).

9. The Public Tender documentation

The Public Tender documentation with the conditions for candidates and instructions on how to apply are available on the university website **www.upr.si** and in the headquarters of the University of Primorska (Univerza na Primorskem), Titov trg 4, 6000 Koper until the Public Tender deadline.

The application documentation:

- The application form for the candidate for young researcher in the year 2019 (*UP-MR-Application/2019*),
- Instructions on how to apply,
- Form *UP-MR-Statement/2019*.

Other annexes (informative purpose):

- Form *Confirmation and Evaluation Sheet* (fulfilled by mentor).

10. Additional information and warnings

Candidates who have already received public funds for postgraduate study cannot be financed in the Young Researcher Programme.

Additional information on the Public Tender can be obtained in the administrative office (on telephone and e-mail) and by mentors (on e-mail):

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Useful links:

- [Rules on procedure for \(co\)financing, Assessing and Monitoring the Implementation of Research Activities](#) (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 52/2016 and 79/17)
- [Slovenian Research Agency – Young Researchers](#)
- Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, [ENIC/NARIC CENTRE](#)
- [University of Primorska](#)
- [UP Andrej Marušič Institute](#)
- [UP Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies](#)
- [UP Faculty of management](#)

* The terms, written in masculine, are used as neutral for male and female.